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The State of Qatar and the European Union initial historic Comprehensive Air Transport Agreement

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A SUSTAINABLE FRAMEWORK FOR GROWTH IN REMAINING RESTRICTED MARKETS



The Qatar-EU Comprehensive Air Transport Agreement opens a new era of stronger cooperation and enhanced air connectivity



The State of Qatar and the European Union have initialed a Comprehensive Air Transport Agreement at the Headquarters of the European Commission on 04 March 2019, the first of its kind between the EU and a Member State of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), and the first successfully-concluded comprehensive agreement following the adoption of the Aviation Strategy for Europe. Following the initialling, both parties will prepare for final signature according to their respective internal procedures.

Strong Commitment, Mutual Benefits

The State of Qatar entered into negotiations with the European Union in September 2016.

Thirty months later, and following five rounds of consultations - in the presence of EU Member States represented by Civil Aviation Authorities and specialised agencies, including industry associations and other key airline industry stakeholders - both Parties have successfully delivered on setting ambitious standards for the operation of passenger and all-cargo services. This agreement sets new standards, particularly in:

- fair competition
- environment
- consumer protection
- transparency
- safety
- security
- social issues



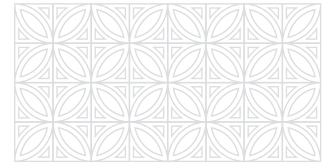
The scope of the Agreement goes beyond traffic rights for designated airlines. It aims at creating a solid legal framework for cooperation between the European Union and the State of Qatar.

The Agreement is about creating jobs and connecting regional airports and their local communities to underserved markets around the world, and it is expected to re-energize the supply chain by improving cargo conditions across the European Union. At its core, the Agreement is a reflection of the excellent diplomatic and economic relations between the European Union and the State of Qatar.

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INITIALING CEREMONY AT EUROPEAN COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS



“This [Agreement] will contribute to increasing the mobility, tourism and trade exchange between Doha and EU capital cities, widening the partnership with EU countries.

H.E. Mr. Jassim Saif Ahmed Al Sulaiti
Minister of Transport and Communications
The State of Qatar

“This historic landmark agreement will open doors to a host of new opportunities for airlines in Europe and Qatar. The negotiations have proven how positive engagement can build trust among nations”.

H.E. Mr. Akbar Al Baker
Group Chief Executive
Qatar Airways

H.E. Ms. Violeta Bulc
European Commissioner for Transport

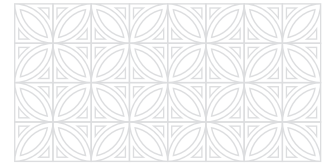
“Qatar was the first partner with whom we launched negotiations following our adoption of the Aviation Strategy for Europe – now it is also the first one to cross the finish line!”

H.E. Mr. Jyrki Katainen
Vice-President for Jobs, Growth, Investment
and Competitiveness
European Commission

“The EU-Qatar agreement is not ONLY an aviation agreement. It creates strong foundations for a long-term relationship promoting fair and free trade, high standards and a single set of rules and values”.



ENGAGING IN THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION, TRUST AND PARTNERSHIP



September 2016: 1st Round of Consultations (Doha)

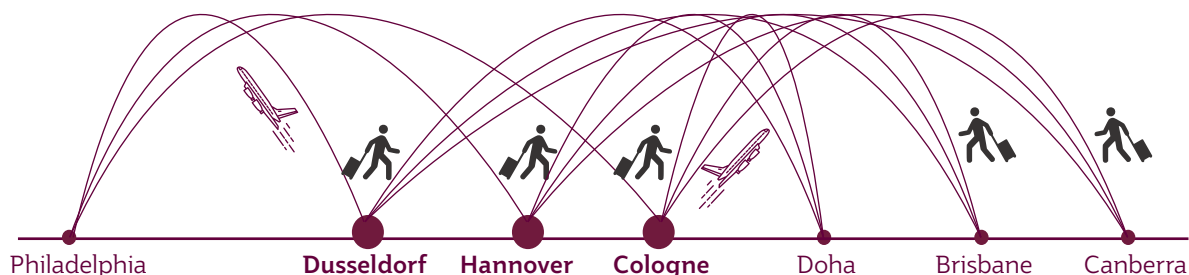
June 2016: Mandate from the EU Member States to start negotiations with the State of Qatar for a Comprehensive Air Transport Agreement

April 2018: 4th Round of Consultations (Doha)



“Europe’s airports rely on open skies to attract airlines and develop their route network. This is about enhancing connectivity for our communities and providing more choice for consumers.”

Olivier Jankovec, Director General ACI EUROPE



EU-Qatar Comprehensive Agreement is the agreement that connect all the dots for the benefit of European carriers and European consumers.



POSITIVE IMPACT OF COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT



Violeta Bulc ✓
@Bulc_EU

#EU & #Qatar concluded a comprehensive aviation agreement. It puts in place a single set of rules, enforcing high safety & social standards & creates a platform for future cooperation. Economic benefits = €3bn (2019-2025) & 2000 new jobs by 2025. europa.eu/!VW73nB

H.E. Ms. Violeta Bulc
European Commissioner
for Transport

05 March 2019

“Thanks to the strong commitment of all parties, we have managed to reconcile our differences and found common ground through honest engagement and open dialogue. As a result of this agreement, we will have a predictable legal framework between the two parties. It will form the basis for future cooperation...”

Henrik Hololei, Director General for Mobility and Transport, European Commission

“Today’s EU-Qatar aviation agreement is an important step in the implementation of the EU Aviation Strategy. Crucially, it signals that Europe remains committed to a liberal and open aviation policy - with consumer interest & wider economic benefits at the forefront.”

Olivier Jankovec, Director General ACI EUROPE

“The Tourism industry highly welcomes the EU-Qatar aviation agreement. Air connectivity has a strategic relevance for the European tourism & travel sector with air transport being the only way for most international tourists to get into Europe. Liberalization of the aviation market is essential to maintain Europe’s number 1 position as a tourist destination and ensure the continued contribution of the sector to the European economy”.

Eduardo Santander, Executive Director, European Travel Commission



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The Qatar-EU Comprehensive Air Transport Agreement reflects the spirit of the Doha Declaration 2019, announced during the CAPA Qatar Aviation Aeropolitical and Regulatory Summit 2019.



Doha Declaration 2019

75 years after the aviation regulatory framework was established, it is time for a serious global review of its relevance today:

The "business of freedom" underpins 10% of global GDP. It is too important to be constrained by economic regulation that was designed to meet entirely different conditions

Governments should:

- ① relax restrictive airline ownership and control rules, which underpin the bilateral air services system, constraining rationalisation of market access;
- ② increase efforts to encourage plurilateral liberalisation, for example as promoted by the European Union;
- ③ enhance sustainability – in its broadest meaning – in the aviation sector;
- ④ actively encourage aeropolitical discussion and further engagement at the highest levels.



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